

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a listing of all claims in the application with the status and the text of all now active claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-15 (CANCELLED)

Claim 16. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss including:

a threaded member incorporating a first threaded portion adapted to engage a threaded bore of a first hole saw and

a second threaded portion adapted to engage a threaded bore of a second hole saw, wherein the second threaded portion is of a stepped down diameter to accommodate a hole saw having a threaded bore diameter smaller than the first hole saw.

Claim 17. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 16 wherein said first and second hole saws include cutting blades, the second hole saw cutting blade having a diameter smaller than said first hole saw cutting blade.

Claim 18. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 16 wherein said boss includes a base member to which the threaded member is connected.

Claim 19. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 16 wherein said first and second threaded portion diameters correspondingly engage with commonly available hole saw threaded bore diameters.

Claim 20. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 16 wherein at least one threaded portion is of a length capable of accommodating more than one hole saw of different cutting diameters.

Claim 21. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 16 wherein said base member and said threaded member include a central aperture adapted to allow a drill bit to fit there through.

Claim 22. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 16 wherein said boss includes a connection means which is configured to engage a mandrel.

Claim 23. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 16 wherein said second hole saw is chosen to fit snugly within an existing aperture of a work piece.

24. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 23 wherein said first hole saw is adapted to drill a hole larger than the existing hole into said work piece.

Claim 25. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 17 wherein the cutting blade of said second hole saw extends beyond the cutting blade of said first hole saw.

Claim 26. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss including:
a base member having at least one notch;
a first threaded member extending outwardly from said base member and adapted to accommodate a threaded bore of a first hole saw, and a second threaded member extending outwardly from said first threaded member and adapted to accommodate a threaded bore of a second hole saw, said second threaded member being of a stepped down diameter to accommodate a hole saw having a threaded bore diameter smaller than the first hole saw; and
at least one drive pin, said drive pin configured to engage both said at least one notch on said base member and an existing aperture on at least one of said hole saws, said drive pins configured to prevent over-tightening of said hole saws on the threaded members.

Claim 27. (NEW) An improved hole saw boss of claim 24 wherein said at least one drive pin is magnetised to restrain said drive pin within said aperture on said hole saw.